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File No. 8 a/02

Serial Nos. 1-2

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-2

major Part B for November 02.

SUBJECT.

Reversion of Mr Kodandapani Moodaliar, Health Officer of Mysore City, to the med^l Dep^t

Sl 1. From The Senior Surgeon. no C 33 dy 26.7.02

Requests approval of the proposal that the Health office of Mysore be placed in charge of Sanitation and Conservancy under the orders of the Resident, if not, his request for reversion to the medl Deptt be granted.

Sl 2 To The Rt Mysore, To Comptl, Sr Surgn no 1783-

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Sanctions the reversion of Mr Pani Moodaliar to the medl Department

Ind Exd: Plattabhirama

Office Notes vide notes P/12 31-01

49 ~~Please see paras 12 & 17 of P/12 31-01~~ vide notes P/12 31-01

Memo in regard to the status of Mr Kodandapani Pandya as Health officer of the Mayavaram City.

Flag A

50 When the Government decided that he should work in subordination to and under the general control of the Vice-President, the Health officer re- quested to be relieved him of the duties of the Health officer and allow him to revert to the Medical de- partment.

57 In submitting the above Communi- cation for the information of Government the Senior Surgeon disapproved of the arrangement and recommended that the Health officers of the two Cities of Kum- baconam and Mayavaram be given sole control of all matters connected with sanitation and conservancy and all monies allotted for those purposes, under the control of the President. (vide letter No. G. 33 dt 24-7-02)

Flag B

52 The Lower Bazar now requests the favour of an early reply thereto.
(Docket no G.421 & 20.5.03)

53 In this connection please see paras 39 and the 2d Councillor's note & the Govt order para 47. In obedience to this order it was observed in para 2 of the G.P. no 1565/1-53 / L7.226-96 dated the 5th May '03 that pending final orders in regard to the status of the Health Officer in the Municipality Mr Kodandapani Mudaliar should work in subordination to and under the general control of the Vice-President as decided in the order of 9th July 1902.

54 Mr Kodandapani Mudaliar's explanation has been called for in the matter of a burial permitted by him in a Makkan within the Mysore City Municipal limits. In this connection the 2d Councillor has observed that the present arrangement has not been working harmoniously. These papers

have been submitted to the 2d Council for perusal.

Submitted for orders.

Dr. 15/6/03

The Senior Surgeon's reminder Secrecy to have emanated from a reference made by the Health Officer Mysore city, because he was placed under the orders of the Vice President.

× Flag C.

⊗ Flag B.

In his letter No. 33 ⊗ 24th July 1902 - the Senior Surgeon said that if the Health Officer is to be placed under the orders of the Vice President, Mr Kodanda-pani Modaliar's request to revert to the Medical Department might be granted. It is not understood what connection there is between the Health Officer and the Senior Surgeon and how the former could address the latter independently of the President to whom he is a subordinate and why the Senior Surgeon & the Sanitary Commissioner should interfere in Municipal matters

unless his opinion is sought by Government -

WB
16/6/03

Has Mr. Kodandapani been removed altogether from the Medl line? If not, has the Senior Surgeon no right to deal with his appl to revert

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Librarian

Mr. Kodandapani Mudaliar has not yet reverted to the Medical department. (vide Councillor's views on 9-5-03 in the matter in the linked file relative to the Paiti burial ol. file). No conditions have been imposed in the order appointing him Health officer of the Mysore City. He has, however, been directed to work in subordination to and under the general control of the Vice-President. (Flag C) Thus the Health Officer is to be subordinate to the President.

v the office cannot say whether Mr Kodandapani Moodr was removed from the Medical line -

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compelled to ~~[illegible]~~ resume in a capacity outside his own work in medical?

2 Has he has applied some improvement in the relations between him & the Municipal Assistant

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Ld Mayor?

The Lord Mayor sanctioned

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In replying to the Councillor's query whether the Government contributed towards the cost of Mr Kodandapany Mudaliar's special training in England it is submitted that in G.P. No. 12 190-91 / Mis 3579 dated the 8th May 1901 Flag A the Govt sanctioned the payment of £35 for meeting the cost of his education in England and £30 for return passage to India (vide Flag A in the General Branch file), in addition to the leave granted to him on full pay of 800 per mensem for upwards of 10 months.

Sdg 16/7/03

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The 2nd Councillor

3/7/03

Mr Kadandapani Mudaliar may be asked to reconsider his request bearing that unless the Medical officers he received special help from Govt to enable him to qualify himself for P H D seeing also that it is believed that the present relations between himself & the Vice President are less strained than before — 2077/03

Submitted

Dewan.

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Rather than allow a Health Officer to constantly fight with the Executive of the Municipality a fresh fight with each amount of work, work in which he would be permitted to exert little or no influence, I do not think that he ought to be allowed to do any work for the Municipality as long as the Health Officer's office is only an unnecessary charge with the Civil Surgeon as the Board & he can give any help and instruction.

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I am not sure whether this draft should go. The terms are I think not quite suitable when sent addressed as Commissioner to a subordinate Officer.

6/8/83

Dr Hill
Commissioner
H.P. A.S.
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The Dewan Thakore
Hon 2d Councillor

6/8/83

I have proposed that Mr Kirkpatrick should be appointed Chief Plague Officer with charge of

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of all Plague observations including
disinfection & the isolation &
& that is sanctioned, the Health
Officer will have duly con-
-sevaney to attend to -
Seems that in this matter he
is not willing to ~~act~~ work
in subordination to the
Vice President, & have no
objection to his being relieved
and ~~[illegible]~~ requested to
the medical debt U.
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Letters to order be
hoped - suggestions
improvement - of plague
in whole work under
Vice Pres - and
warn him to take
more attention - Let
me see the draft which
proved highly desirable
all about this
16. VIII. 03

Dr. 8/8/03

Encl
Pl.
Dft A.S.Ch
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Mr. Kodandapani Moodaliar's Work as Health Officer of the Municipality.

Mr. A. Kodandapani Moodaliar, Sub Assistant Surgeon, Bangalore, was appointed Health Officer Mysore City by Notification No. 873 LB (P), dated 18th July 1901. His conduct subsequent to this appointment appears from the following facts:

In the "Mysore Standard" of the 5th April 1902 there were two articles headed "The Scandal of the Mysore Municipal Bumbledom" and "Besieged by Scavengers". In reporting upon the allegations made therein, Mr. A. Ramanujayengar, the then President of the Municipality, explained

at length how the facts had been exaggerated in the newspaper, and how everything was done by one scavenger Racha entering the Health Office expecting his pay earlier than usual while under the influence of liquor. In the course of this report the President, however, made the following remarks:

"But the Vice President was aware of the delay (in paying the scavengers) But as the Health Office was not under his order. he appears to have thought that it was not his duty to interfere in the matter This naturally leads to a consideration of the present anomalous position of the Vice President. Until the appointment of a Health Officer for the

city, the establishment of all the branches of the Municipality had been working under the direct orders of the Vice-President and the work was getting on smoothly and well. The Health officer, however was given a status independent of the Vice President, and the Conservancy staff working under him have come to regard the Health Officer as their superior officer and not the Vice President. There was friction between the late Vice-President and the Health Officer and the same strained relations exist between the latter and the present Vice-President. The work of the Municipality suffers seriously in consequence of the divided

authority.. The President who is also the Deputy Commissioner of an unwieldy and troublesome district like Mysore, cannot possibly do more than exercise a general supervision over the work of the City Municipality. All the executive duties of the Municipality must therefore devolve upon the Vice President, and it is in my humble opinion not a satisfactory arrangement to allow the Health Officer to work independently of the Vice President.xx

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On the papers being submitted to the then 3rd Councillor, Mr. C. Madiah, x Saw. no reason whatever as to why Mr. Kodanda Rao who was only a Sub Assistant Surgeon

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in rank and drew Rs 250/- per mensem (i.e. Rs 100 as pay and Rs 150/ as allowance) should not work in his capacity as Health Officer in subordination to the Vice President. He saw no objection to having two different arrangements for Bangalore and Mysore, as in the former city, Mr. Palpu drew a higher salary than the Vice-President. He further observed that the present system of dual control had caused any amount of friction between the Vice-President and the Health Officer in both the cities, and that to remove the evil at least in the city of Mysore he would place the Health Officer under the general control of the Vice-President who was much the former's senior

both in rank and pay. × × 14
The Dewan agreed to this
and directed that the
arrangement be given
effect to at once and
continued for three months
during which time the
Govt hoped to have opportunities
to judge of its result.

The Govt passed orders
accordingly and required
the President, Myore Mun.
Capality to submit a report
after 3 months on the
working of the new ar-
rangement.

E No. 447-50 & 9.7.02.
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Against this order Mr.
Kodandapani sent in
a protest to the President
on the 14.7.02, (copies
of which he submitted
also to the Secretary to
the Govt, Gen. & Rev. Depts,
and to Senior Surgeon and
Sany. Commr.), in which
he urged that the Vice
President as one of the

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executives had to act up
to the advice of the Health
Officer in matters connected
with sanitation; that the
Health Officer had to take
to the notice of the President
any deviation on the
part of the Vice-President;
that as a subordinate
of the Vice-President he
could not point out to
that Officer his own
defects; that in the
opinion of Col. Smyth
the Health Officer was one
who ought to be independent
and that it was on that
understanding, and no
other, that he accepted
to serve as Health Officer.
He begged that if this condition
not be granted he might
be relieved of his duties
as Health Officer from 20th
July 1902.

On 24-7-02 the Senior

Surgeon and Sanitary Vb.
Commr (Col. Benson),
in forwarding Mr. Kodanda-
rami's protest to Govt.
observed that the step
taken in the order of 9th
July 1903 must inevitably
lead to increase friction
and further inefficiency
of the Conservancy staff;
that in the course of
conversation with the
Vice-President, that ~~Officer~~ Officer
told ~~that~~ him that he was
not at all in favour of
having the Health Officer
under him; that the
Health Officer should be
given sole control of
all matters connected
with the sanitation
and Conservancy, the
money allotted for the
purpose being placed
under the President;
that this was what
obtained in Madras
and the C & M. station

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Bangalore. that in Mr. Lee's (sanitary supdg. Engr) opinion, there was marked improvement in the up-keep of the Storm drainage scheme since the present Health Officer had charge of it; and that if the Govt were not pleased to approve of his proposal, it was only fair to grant the request of Mr. Kodanda Rani to revert to the Medical Department.

In reference to the report called for in the G.O. dated 9.7.'02, the President, Mr. B.K. Venkata Varadiengar reported that as the Health Officer had not worked under the orders of the Vice President, he was not in a position to give any opinion in the matter; and that when he asked the Health Officer himself he said

* No. 142 dt 28.1.'03 H

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he did not wish to do so and had therefore submitted a protest to the then President &c.

Thereupon the Govt., in their order No. 15-651-53 & 5.5.03. I sl(?)
& 7226-96.
directed that pending final orders in regard to the status of the Health Officer in the Municipality, Mr Kodandapani Mudaliar should work in subordination to, and under the general control of, the Vice President as already decided in the order of the 9th July 1902.

On 30.7.'03, the 2nd Commission remarked as follows:

"Mr. Kodandapani Mudr. may be asked to reconsider his request, seeing that, unlike other medical officers he received special help from Govt. to enable him to qualify himself for P.H.D. & seeing also that it is believed

J (in the office note at the bottom of file)

Note: Mr. K. Pani was paid £35 for meeting the cost of his education in England and £30 for return passage to India. He was granted also leave on full pay (Rs 80/-) for over 10 months.
(G.O. No. 12190-91 Mis 3579 & 8.5.1900)

that the present relation
between himself and
the Vice President are le
strained than before."

Whereupon the Dewan
observed as follows: -

"Rather than allow a
Health Officer to constantly
fight with the executive
of the Municipality and
French Govt with any
amount of work to sit
in arbitration, I would
permit him to resent.
But I have no objection
to do as proposed by the
2nd Councillor. I do not
think that the Mysore
Municipality has derive
any benefit from the
Health Officer's appointme
It is only an unnecessar
charge on it. The civil
Surgeon is on the Board
and he can give any
help and instruction"

On the papers alre

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being submitted to the 2nd Councillor he remarked that he had since proposed Dr Kuppusami Moodi's appointment as Chief Plague Officer, Mysore with charge of all Plague operations including disinfection and the Isolation Hospital; that if this proposal were sanctioned the Health Officer would be left only the conservancy to attend to; and that under these circumstances he had no objection to Dr Kodandapani Moodi being retained and reverted to the Medical Department.

Jan 12.8.03

The Dewan's order of 16.8.03 on this was:

"Let this order be passed. Simply advise him to prevent and place the whole work under Vice-President and warn him to take more attention. Let me see the draft which should

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briefly describe all about this.

The Draft now submitted is the one prepared in accordance with this order.-

(i.f 24-01) a

About the latter part of 1902 and the beginning of 1903 there were two cases of burial of Mohamedan dead bodies within the Mysore City Municipal limits, in each of which Mr Kodandapani Mudaliar Conduct as Health Officer is brought to light. One of the cases occurred in November 1902, and the other on the night of the 22nd January 1903.

K In the first case Mr Kodandapani Mudr accepted the whole responsibility, ~~and states that~~ in having allowed the burial, and

states that he believed the makkan to be a recognized burial ground which formed part and parcel of the other burial grounds in use at present, and that he allowed the burial as the body was in an advanced state of putrifaction, and as he saw no sanitary objection.

The Second Councillor too after inspecting the locality remarked: on 13.7.03

"I have seen the makkan. It is practically outside the town though situated within municipal limits. There are a number of tombs in it. If anything, the Health Officer was in this case guilty of indiscretion, and nothing more ...".

In the second of the cases mentioned above

Mr. Koddanapani Moodr. only shares the blame with Mr. A. Ramanujaiengar, then then President, under the following circumstances:

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On the 11th September 0. one Mohamed Sel- applies to the Vice- President for permission to inter the body of his old father, when dead, within the precincts of the Sets mosque in Doddapetta, Mysore City. Referring to Sec 188 and 189 of the Municipal Regulations the Vice- President asked the opinion of the Health Officer whether the permission applied for could be given. The latter replied that permission might be given if the other members of the Mohamedan community agreed in writing

that they would not ask again for a similar permission to bury any other corpse in the grave yards attached to the mosques situated within the municipal limits of the city. On the 8th January '03 some of the leading members of the Kutchi Memon Community presented a petn to Mr Ramanujaiengar representing him that as the whole of the Community desired that the old man should be buried in the masjid in question, that the permission might be given. On the 10th idem Mr Ramanujaiengar inspected the place in company with the Health Officer; and subsequently on 22. 1. 03, the day on which he handed

over charge to Dr. B. K. Venkataramadiengar, recorded a note recommending that permission may be granted as a special case, ~~subject to the~~ provided that the death was certified not to be due to plague. The purport of this note was communicated to petitioner. The old Saint died the very night and the body was ~~buried~~ in the mosque.

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In their order No. 16958/1752-02 dated 29.5.03, the Government regretted these occurrences and severely censured the President for not reading apprehending what was his clear duty and for failing to issue a distinct prohibition at once; ~~which the exp~~, In regard to the first burial, the Govt. remarked that the Health Officer certainly went beyond

his province and acted 26
very irregularly, and
that he had thereby
incurred the grave dis-
pleasure of Govt."

Note

In the explanation of
Mr. Ramanujaiengar forwarded
to Govt with the Rev. Comrie's
D. 16-5 & 14-6-03, he makes
the following remark:-

"The most important point
for consideration in the case
was whether the burial
in the cemetery attached
to the mosque was dangerous
to public health. On this
point I had the opinion
of the Health Officer who
was the accredited adviser
of the President in such
matters. He was unequivocally
in favour of the burial
being permitted in this
particular case &c-".

The request of Mr Ramanujaiengar
to modify the order of 29-5-03
has been rejected (vide G.O. 979-80 & 29-8-03).
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Mr. Kodandapani Moodi's services previous to his appointment as Health Officer of Mysore, i.e, previous to 18.7.01 may be briefly recounted.

On the representation of the Chief Plague Officer Mysore in August 1900 to be relieved of his duties as Civil Surgeon, Mr. Kodandapani Moodr. was appointed to assist Dr. Achyuta Rao in his duties. Mr. Kodandapani Moodr. reported himself for duty to the Chief Plague Officer, Mysore on 28.8.00, and he was placed in charge of disinfection work. In November 1900, the Director General of Indian Medical Service inspected the plague measures in the Mysore City, and remarked that the disinfection work was being done in a most

slovenly and perfunctory way. that the solution of the perchloride of mercury was not measured, that most of the coolies had no boots &c-. The Honble the Resident in forwarding a copy of these remarks regretted to find that the instruction conveyed in his inspection note of the 3rd September 1900 regarding disinfection had been disregarded, and that this had caused the Director Genl to pass disparaging criticisms on this important branch of disinfection.

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In the explanation of the Chief Plague Officer submitted to the Plague Commissioner in this connection, the Officer states that subsequent to the Honble the Resident's inspection the disinfection staff was, as per Plague Commissioner's orders, strengthened to a considerable extent &c; that he had placed Mr. Kodandapani Moodr. in charge of disinfection

work in view to carry out the instructions of the Government of India as it was thought that a duly qualified man was necessary to supervise and scrutinize the disinfection of houses; that he had entirely relied upon Mr Kodandapani Moodr and Mr Mensh (European Asst Supdt of the staff) to see that the disinfection staff was supplied with everything necessary and that it was worked properly, and that Mr Kodandapani had failed to appreciate his responsibility because he lacked experience.

At this time Mr K. Pani applied for leave for three months which was granted. (Vide Notifn No. 8130 mis 1753 dy 17.12.1900). On his return he was employed on other duties.

Extraordinary Leave without allowances. R

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Subsequently

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Subsequently when Mr. Kodandapani Mudaliar claimed the Health Officer's Plague allowance of Rs 150/- from 29th August to 18th November 1900, the Government sanctioned only a reduced allowance of Rs 100/- on account of the bad supervision of disinfection-work by Mr. K. Pani.

(vide G.O. No. Pg 265-6 & 26.9.00)
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G.O
(No. 1143-5 &
6.3.01.

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29-X-03

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit the accompanying draft order for the approval of His Highness as it relates to a matter connected with the Municipality of the Mysore City. Mr. Kodanda Pani Mudaliar was appointed Health Officer in July 1901, and was at first placed in independent charge of the Conservancy establishment. In connection with a report called for from the President regarding an allegation contained in the Mysore Standard newspaper of a disturbance having been caused by some of the scavengers at the Health Office, Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, while reporting that the facts as contained in the newspaper were exaggerated, at the same time remarked that though the Vice President was aware of the delay in paying the scavengers (to which apparently the alleged disturbance was due), yet as the Health Officer was not under his orders, he was not able to interfere in the matter, and as long as the Vice President exercised authority over all the branches of the Municipality, the system worked smoothly, but after the Health Officer's appointment, the work suffered seriously in consequence of the divided authority which had been introduced. It was then ordered that as the Vice President, Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao was much the senior of Mr. Kodandapani Mudaliar, and had exercised for several years magisterial powers and been for some years Vice President of the Bangalore City Municipality in complete charge of the conservancy and other branches, the Health Officer should

work in subordination to the Vice President. Mr. Kodandapani Mudaliar has not reconciled himself to this order and he has applied for being reverted to the Medical Department. F

The Senior Surgeon recommends that if the Health Officer cannot be given sole control of all matters connected with sanitation and conservancy he may be reverted to the Medical Department. Considering that Mr. Kodandapani Mudaliar has on several occasions shewn himself wanting in tact and smooth co-operation, I do not consider that matters would be much improved by once more making the Health Officer independent of the Vice President. Mr. Kodandapani Mudaliar's conduct in allowing two burials of Mahmudan dead bodies within the Municipal limits was also open to blame. In the first case which occurred in November 1902, the 2nd Councillor who inspected the spot found that the Health Officer was guilty of indiscretion and in the second case which occurred in January 1903, Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar acting on the opinion given by the Health Officer left a note, before he handed over charge of his office, recommending that permission to bury in the Sait's Mosque which is situated in a crowded part of the Lashkar Mohalla, may be given. The Sait community acting on this assurance actually buried a body on the very day that the note was recorded by Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar for his successor's information. In November 1900, when Mr. Kodandapani Mudaliar was in charge of disinfection work, the Director-General of Indian Medical Service who inspected the plague arrangements of the Mysore City found fault with the work as being done in a slovenly and perfunctory manner. The Hon'ble the Resident in forwarding a copy of the Director-General's remarks regretted to find that the instructions conveyed in his previous

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Inspection notes had been disregarded.

In these circumstances, I think Mr. Kodandapani Mudaliar may, as desired by him, be permitted to revert to his own place in the Medical Department. At present, he is losing touch with his professional work and the sooner he is reverted the better therefore it will be. A separate plague Officer (Mr. Kuppuswamy Mudaliar) has already been appointed and as remarked above, the present Vice President both by experience and standing is able to manage all branches of the Municipality - an arrangement which may be regarded as tending to obviate all friction in the future and to increase the efficiency of the conservative staff.

The 2nd Councillor is agreeable to allow Mr. Kodandapani Mudaliar to revert to the Medical Department.

The annexed note gives the facts of this case in greater detail.

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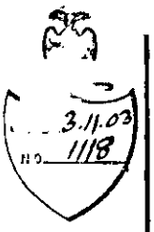

Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Reversion of Mr Kodandapani Mudaliar, Health Officer Mysore City, to the Medical Department.

Order.

There Seems to be no alternative. But it is to be regretted that the Kodanda Pani Mudalian's Special training should be wasted.

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7/11/03

Upon order
Mr Kodanda Pani Mudaliar
Revert - vice Bond!
will remain in the above
I hope he will work after his
Solicitor attended

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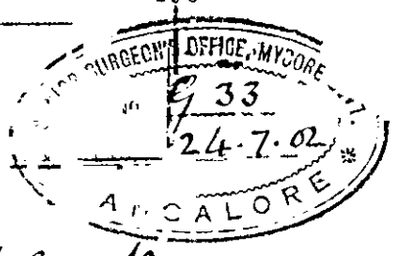

To

H. V. Nanjundayya Esq.
M. A, M. L.
Secy: to Govt
Genl & Rev: Depts
Bangalore

Dated

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General No.

No.

Enclosure No. 2

Requesting approval of the proposal that the Health officer of Mysore be given Sole control over Sanitation and Conservancy under the orders of the President, if not, his request for the reversion to the Medical Dept be granted.

Submitted for orders with letter cto 32 dated 14/7/02 from the Health officer. Mr Kottiendapany Moodr.

The file of papers relating to the Health officers of Bangalore and Mysore Cities is before the 3rd Councillor

Dy 26.7.02

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This is also Submitted.

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This & the previous letter sent direct may be submitted together to the 3rd Councillor

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Vide note overleaf

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Please put up H.O's files. Read

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Secy 26.7.02

From

Lt. Col. Percy H. Benson M.B, I.M.S,
Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner
with the Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

To

H. V. Nanjundayya Esq. M.A, M.L,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore
General and Revenue Departments, Bangalore.

No G. 33
Dated 24th July 1902

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, a* letter from Sub Assistant Surgeon Mr. A. Kothandapany Mudaliar, Health Officer of the Mysore City, asking that he may be relieved of his duties and allowed to revert to the Medical Department.

2. By so doing he will be the loser of Rs. 100/- per mensem and the fact of his being willing to forego this allowance is, I think sure evidence that he is not only discontented but that he also feels an injustice has been done him by placing " in subordination to & under the general control of the Vice President ".

3. The Proceedings of Government and Order thereon No. 447-50/L.F.24-1901 of 9th July 1902, appear to be based upon a letter No. 877 of 18-4-02 from the President of the Municipality to Government, reporting on the working of the conservancy establishment in Mysore City. So far as I am aware no copy of this letter was sent to the Health Officer so that he has no opportunity

* to be strongly returned when done with.

opportunity of justifying himself against the charges made against him which is unfair.

4. If the President was not satisfied with the working of the Conservancy Staff in the city, he should have brought it to the notice of the Health Officer and if his explanation was unsatisfactory the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner might have been obtained.

5. If the fact of the Health Officer being independent of the Vice President gave room for friction, it is only reasonable to suppose that it was because he was in this position, in which case it must have originated in the first place with the Vice President.

6. In order to remove this friction Government now propose to place the Health Officer (who was formerly independent of the Vice President) in subordination to and under his general control, a step which must inevitably lead to increase friction and further inefficiency of the Conservancy Staff. In the course of conversation with the Vice President, he said he was not at all in favour of having the Health Officer under him & I am convinced that it will never work.

7. I have already written very strongly on what I consider should be the duties of the Health Officers of the Bangalore & Mysore Cities. They should be given sole control of all matters connected with Sanitation and Conservancy and all monies

allotted

allotted for these purposes, under the orders of the President. This is what obtains in Madras and the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, and I see no reason why the Health Officers of Bangalore and Mysore should not have the same powers, & if at the end of a year it is not found to work satisfactorily, some other arrangement may be come to. I may mention that Mr. Standish Lee, the Sanitary Engineer, told me he had noticed a marked improvement in the upkeep of the Fort drainage scheme since the present Health Officer has had charge of it.

This in my opinion

8. I have therefore the honor to request, that Government will be pleased to approve of my proposal, failing which, I consider that, it is only fair to the Health Officer, that his request to revert to the Medical Department, be granted.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Lt.Col.I.M.S.

Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner

Mysore Government.

Read:-

Govt. Pro. No.447-50/L.F. 24-01 dated the 9th July 1902 directing that Mr. Kodandapani Modr, Health Officer of the Mysore City Municipality be placed in subordination to and under the general control of the Vice President.

2. Letter No.G.33 dated the 24th July 1902 from the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner with the Govt of Mysore, submitting a letter from Mr.Kodandapani Modr, Health Officer requesting that he may be relieved of his duties as Health Officer and permitted to revert to the Medical Departt.

3. Docket No.G.421 dated the 20th May 1903 from the same officer requesting early orders in the matter.

Order thereon No 1783-5 / L.226-01

Mr. Kodandapani Modr, when first appointed Health Officer of the Mysore City, was placed at the head of the conservancy establishment independently of the Vice President of the Municipality, but as this system was soon found to be unsatisfactory

unsatisfactory, the Health Officer was directed to work in subordination to the Vice President who was in every way senior to him.

2. Mr.Kodandapani Modr has considered this to be a grievance and requested the Senior Surgeon to relieve him of his duties as Health Officer of the City Municipality and permit him to revert to the Medical Department. Though this conduct is hardly what should be expected of an officer, who has received special help and consideration at the hands of Govt for obtaining his training in Sanitary Science in England, still as it has not been shown that the City has benefited in any appreciable degree by this additional appointment, Govt are pleased to direct the reversion of Mr.Kodandapani Modr. The Vice President, who will be in charge of the entire municipal work including conservancy establishment should be directed to pay proper attention to the conservancy and sanitation of the town.

fo Medl. Deptt.

Secretary.

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To

The President, Munl. Commn., Mysore City with papers received with letter No.877 dated 18th/4/02.

Comptroller, Mysore Govt.

Senior Surgeon &c &c returning the papers received with his letter.